British Under General Allenby Slowly Driving Turk Battalions From Palestine

ALLIES' WAY IS NOW CLEAR FOR ADVANCE

(Continued from First Page.) of the Austro-German assaults along Asiago plateau.

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General Allenby, the British commander in chief in Palestine, has sent message of Christmas greetings to a people of England.

ITALIAN ARTILLERY STILL HOLD SLOPES OF MOUNT ASOLONE

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 25.-The Italian troops continue to

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TEUTONS ARE STOPPED BY ITALIANS AT ASIAGO AFTER PIERCING LINE

ROME, Dec. 25 .- The war office at nounces that Austro-German troops ceeded in piercing the Italian front line in the Asiago sector, but were stopped at the rear positions. The Italians then launched successful counterattacks, the report says. Teuton forces which had crossed the Playe have been forced back across the river, after a brilliant sur-prise attack by the beraugileri.

LONDON SPECULATES ON FORM OF KAISER'S **NEW PEACE PROPOSAL**

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Student Aviators Handling Planes



America's new airmen must know their machines, inside and out, with that intuitive knowledge which assures complete mastery. A group of cadets at one of the big engineering colleges, where special Government "ground" courses have been established, is here shown working over the assembling of a plane. Those in front are tightening the various wire supports to enable the plane to withstand wind pressure of 150 miles an hour and the strain that comes with the various tumbles and stunts. Those whose heads appear at the rear are preparing the cockpits for the pilot and the observer. This is one phase of the hard but fascinating course where the pick of America's young men are grounding themselves in planes and engines, wireless agrial photography, codes, etc. engines, wireless aerial photography, codes, etc.

'ALLIES MUST TAKE OUR PEACE OR WE'LL FORCE IT," that every one of you in the unparal-

AMSTERDAM. Dec. 25.—Speaking before troops of his second army, while on a visit to the north front of blow in the cast, where it is seen that Verdun on Friday, Emperor William the storms of war there are at pres-

with a centralized direction the German army works in a centralized manner, in order that we should be able to deliver our offensive blows one portion of the army had to remain on the defensive, hard as this is for the German soldier. Such a defensive hattle, however, as has been fought in 1917 is without parallel. A fraction of the German army accepted the heavy task, covering its comrades in the east unconditionally and it had the entire Anglo-French army against liself.

"It has been a year full of events for the German army and the German fatherland. Powerful blows have been delivered and your comrades in the east have been able to bring about great decisions."

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"There has been no man, no officer and no general on the whole eastern front, wherever I have spoken to them, who has not frankly admitted that they could not have accomplished what they have if their comrades in the weath and not stood to a man."

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KAISER TELLS HIS TROOPS The feeling may have been frequent already chairman of the important

the storms of war there are at present silenced. God grant that it may problems. Latterly, he had been in

Death Doubly Important.

angle of the transportation question in the United States, rall as well as water. The joint committee has been engaged in this study for many

In addition to making the selection of a new chairman of the Interstate or a new charman of the intersal-Commerce Committee necessary, the death of Senator Newlands leaves a vacancy on the Democratic side of the committee. The competition for this place, in view of the existing railroad situation, will be strenuous among Democratic Senators.

Senator Newlands died almost with-out warning last night at 10:30 at his apartments at Sheridan Circle, Heart disease was the cause.

PERMANENT RAISE THREE CHRISTMAS **OPPORTUNITIES** AT ONCE IS AIM OF FEDERAL CLERKS **YET NEED \$1,022**

are open today. It was announced by ng for reclassification of salaries of us grades of employes. First various grades of employes. Pirst and foremost among these measures is the Nolan minimum wage hill, providing \$3 a day to all adults who have been in the service two years and who are devoting their full time to the work. This bill is founded that ten of the fourteen opportunitie had been taken. The total amount reing opportunitis that are left to grasp today would have totaled \$1,191, but oversuberfistions on the nine siready filled reduce this amount to \$1,922.46. The following are late acknowlon the principle that every person his work sufficient remuneration to support himself and family. It needs no argument to prove that this can-not be less than \$3 a day. Several

not be less than \$3 a day. Several of the more progressive municipalities, notably, New York, Philadelphia, Bosion, Ban Francisco, Chicago, Seattle, etc., have already provided that no employe of the city shall be paid less than \$3 for a full day's labor. While to the man from an agricultural section \$3 appears a little large for laborers, it must be remembered that Uncle Sam's laborers are required for the most part to live in large cities. Also most of the American laborers are now receiving more than \$3 a day. So, it is the Gevernment employs—laborer or clock—at less than this amount who is being so radically discriminated against because he has accepted a position with the great American Gevernment at so low a wage that he cannot leave the security of the great American Government at so low a wage that he cannot leave the service for lack of sufficient accu-mulation to move from one place to another. This condition must be remedied, and is heing automatically corrected by the scarcity of lebor which will work for the low Gov-ernhent wage. Uncle Sam is finding more and more difficulty in fitting positions at the low salaries he of-fers. OFFORTUNITY NO. 2. Prev. acknowledged ... \$161.5 "Charity" 8.7

"Retirement legislation is absostely essential for the establishment nd maintenance of any established system of compensation by an em-trained man than it does to give him a promotion which will keep him the service. But Uncle Sam does OPPORTUNITY NO. 2. not regard this feature. Nor does he regard, yet, seriously, the fact that Preparing to Plead His Mether's Cause. Deserted Wife and it is cheaper to retire a superannuated man at Half or three-quarters pay then it is to continue him at full Amount asked for

in addition will add a great percentage of efficiency to the service.

"The money-grabbing corporations
have practically all recognized these
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He will be if the Senate rule of a committee in service on the Democratic side of the committee of the retirement system. Much of this can be used in the reclassification work. We are now assured that reports on this subject as well as non the cost of various retirement measures, will be ready to submit to Congress immediately after the holi-"Portunately, there has already E. B. Senator Newlands had given much Congress immediately after the holi-

Bill to Be Drafted Soon. "Because of the lack of aufficient

"This reclassification is but the first

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DENTIST BLAMES WEDDING SECRECY ON SLAIN BRIDE

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the doctor who sought to keep it a secret. Neighbors and friends of the bride, who was Miss Alice Knight, 1513 North Twenty-second street, Richmond, declare that Johnson's statement is untrue.

That the young dentist realizes the gravity of the situation is plain. He has already shown a disposition to want to tell the jail officials and others that he is subject to collegic fits and has requested that no one is:

others that he is subject to epiloplic fits and has requested that no one lay hands on him if an attack comes on while he is in his cell.

He is subject to periods of nervousness when his mind is affected, he says, and at such times, he is not in possession of his faculties. It was while under the influence of such an attack that he wrote several letters while in Wilson, N. C., just before he swallowed poison, he claims.

Didn't Write, He Snys. Today he repeated his statement of iast night that he did not write to his mother, his Middlesex fiance, Miss Ollie White and others to whom let-Oille White and others to whom let-ters were found in his room, shortly after he attampted suicide. He says he did not attempt suicide, but re-member vaguely having been very sick on Thursday of last week, the day of the attempt.

Detectives today renewed their hunt for the druggist who sold Dr. Lemuel J. Johnson the cyanide which killed his secret bride, Mrs. Alice Knight John-son.

It is the belief of the police that this bit of evidence will about end their efforts and establish their case, and accordingly every town within, a radius of 100 miles is being search-

termined whether or not the body of the dead bride will be exhumed

of the dead bride will be exhumed for a formal inquest. It is probable now, however, that such a course will be necessary.

The opnolusion reached by detectives handling the case is that Johnson married one girl when he loved another more; that one misstep led to another and that the web of circumstances that was avera about nstances that was woven about

Johnson last night denied all recol Johnson last night denied all recollection of writing letters to his family, Miss White or any of his friends before attempting his own life with a powerful dose of aconite.

"No, I have no recollection of writing a letter to Miss Oille White. I have no recollection of having written any of those letter which it is said.

have no recollection of having written any of those letters which, it is said were found in the hotel at Wilson. Thursday, I do not remember writing to my mother that day nor to Dr. Powell, nor to Dr. Lewis."

The letters were written on hotel stationery. The date was written on them and they bore his signature.

He even denied having taken the poison in an attempt to kill himself and said all he could remember was that he had a vague impression that he became very ill while at the hotel.

13.000,000 AMERICANS JOIN RED CROSS FORCES

Thirteen million Americans today had joined the hordes of Red Cross fighters. The membership compaign, designed to enlist 10,000,000 new soldiers of mercy by Christmas is a great success. Practically every division exceeded its quots.

The Lake division, comprising In-diana, Kentucky, and Ohio, was in the lead, finishing with 2,800,000 on a quota of 1,063,000.

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The Atlantic division reported 2,390,000, with a third of its chapters still at work. Its quota was 2,015,000. Its New Jersey, 530,000; Connecticut, 325.

000.

In the gentral division, comprising Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Michigan, and Illinois, 1,185,000 was reported on a quota of 1,646,000. The campaign there will continue for a week.

Use Sugar Sparingly—Do Not Waste It

Everyone-manufacturers and householdersshould use sugar sparingly for the present.

The supply is limited and will be until the new crop of cane can be harvested and shipped from Cuba and the Tropics. The supply will then be ample.

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